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MIDDLE EAST

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(C) On the margins of his meeting with the Ambassador on a separate issue, Prime Minister Jiri Paroubek informed that the Czech government on July 19 approved the deployment of Czech military to the U.N. stabilization force in Southern Lebanon. He did not mention any numbers. MOD is currently working on the operational details. Paroubek also expressed his skepticism that Israel would be able to clear out Hezbollah from Lebanon given Hezbollah's entrenched ties to local communities.

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